

Today's News - Wednesday, September 28, 2016

- ArcSpace brings us Kiser's take (and lots of pix!) of a public sauna in a former industrial area on the Helsinki seashore now being developed for new uses.
- Quirk's Q&A with Atlanta BeltLine founder Gravel re: why he's "leaving the project that has been his life's work for almost two decades" (issues of affordability and equity play a part).
- A complete overhaul of Toronto's "highly visible and highly contentious" Moss Park "impresses and divides" the city's Design Review Panel (lots of pix!).
- Otero-Pailos delves deep into how "experimental preservationists are upending old ideas about cultural heritage, choosing objects once considered ugly or unsavory, and usually excluded by official narratives" (a long - and great read!).
- Q&A with "museum maestro" Milou re: transforming former Supreme Court and City Hall buildings into the National Gallery Singapore: "deception - of a beautiful kind - is at work in its spaces."
- Three firms vie to design a new \$500 million tower in Sydney; the "winning architect will be required to consider community feedback in the final design" (what a concept!).
- Crone and Kuma win the competition to design the Wanda Vista hotel at Sydney's Circular Quay ("vegetation along the pixelated terraces" included).
- Tavares, curator of the soon-to-open Lisbon Architecture Triennial, offers 5 ways creative leaders in any industry can learn from architects.
- A new documentary highlights key themes from the Landscape Architecture Foundation's New Landscape Declaration, and "the role of landscape architecture in addressing the challenges our time and the next 50 years."
- A great Q&A with the architect (a real one!) re: being on the team behind the video game "The Witness," where "the design rivals the gameplay" (very cool!).
- Bennes's post- London Design Biennale report: the inaugural event's "utopian dreams land with a thud" (ouch!).
- AIA launches Architectural Adventures next year, offering 10 global destinations "specifically focused on broadening the architectural mind" (maybe we'll win the lottery and take all 10!).
- Some great events coming up very soon: 2016 Sydney Architecture Festival includes "The (sh)ArchTank."
- October 3 marks World Architecture Day 2016: Design a Better World.
- Early bird registration for the 10th annual Meeting of the Minds ends October 1 (save money!).
- A good reason to head to Rotterdam next week: 15th World Conference Cities and Ports: "Crossovers."
- ArchitectureAU "trawls through" the longggg list of free public events at Melbourne's MPavilion over the next four months, and picks the must-sees.

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Avanto Architects: Löyly Public Sauna, Helsinki, Finland: ...located in Hernesaari, a former industrial area on the Helsinki seashore...New uses are being developed for the area...The building consists of two parts: public saunas and a restaurant...first FSC-certified building in Finland and second in Scandinavia. By Kirsten Kiser -- Joanna Laajisto Creative Studio [images]

Citing Equity Issues, Founder of Atlanta BeltLine Leaves Board: We speak with Ryan Gravel to understand why the urban planner is leaving the project that has been his life's work for almost two decades: Issues of affordability and equity...and fears that the development...could negatively impact Atlanta's most vulnerable communities prompted his departure. By Vanessa Quirk- Metropolis Magazine

Moss Park Redesign Impresses and Divides Design Review Panel: Toronto is poised to become an international leader in public space design. Next up...is a complete overhaul of Moss Park, a highly visible - and highly contentious - park...project...aims to completely redesign the poorly organized plot of land...future considerations played heavily into the Panelists' commentary. -- MJM Architects; West 8; Public Studio [images]- Urban Toronto

Experimental Preservation: Experimental preservationists are upending old ideas about cultural heritage, choosing objects once considered ugly or unsavory, and usually excluded by official narratives: ...historic districts did not exist before preservationists conceptualized them as a new type of worthy object...Heritage is now understood as a human right, a pillar of intergenerational equity, the basis of a more just society. [adapted from the just-published "Experimental Preservation"] By Jorge Otero-Pailos -- Reinhard Kropf/Siv Helen Stangeland/Helen & Hard; Lucia Allais; MOS Architects - Places Journal

Museum maestro: Interview with Jean Francois Milou: Designing the National Gallery Singapore: The French-born architect took 25 minutes to think how he could link the former Supreme Court and City Hall buildings to convert them into the National Gallery...deception - of a beautiful kind - is at work in its spaces. -- CPG Consultants; studioMilou [images]- The Straits Times (Singapore)

The Star names architect finalists for Sydney tower: ...three architects that will battle to win the right to develop its proposed \$500 million tower...taking lessons from the community backlash to Packer's Barangaroo plans...winning architect will be required to consider community feedback in the final design. -- Grimshaw Architects; Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (FJMT); BVN- The Australian

Crone and Kengo Kuma & Associates win design competition for Wanda Vista hotel at Circular Quay in Sydney: ...25-storey hotel is part of...\$1-billion redevelopment of Gold Fields House...Vegetation along the pixelated terraces is used to soften the appearance of hard edges... -- Kerry Hill Architects [image]- ArchitectureAU (Australia)

Bricks And Mortar: 5 Ways Creative Leaders Can Learn From Architects: André Tavares, the curator of the Lisbon Architecture Triennial which opens October 5, offers some insight. By Nadja Sayej/The Berlin School Of Creative Leadership- Forbes

The New Landscape Declaration: ...Landscape Architecture Foundation convened a diverse group of preeminent and emerging leaders for The New Landscape Declaration: A Summit on Landscape Architecture and the Future...documentary highlights key themes...of the role of landscape architecture in addressing the challenges our time and the next 50 years. [video]- Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF)

Behind the scenes of 'The Witness', a video game designed by architects: "This is so beautiful - can I live here?"...the design, built in part by a team of architects and landscape architects, rivals the gameplay: "I don't

design video games, I'm a real architect...But as we started to work together I realized it's really not that different."
By Nicholas Korody -- Jonathan Blow; Deanna Van Buren/FOURM design studio/DJ+DS; Fletcher Studios
[images]- Archinect

The London Design Biennale's Utopian Dreams Land With a Thud: The inaugural biennial taps into a long legacy of utopian design, but fails to add anything to this tradition: It isn't entirely clear that London even needs a design biennial...one wonders what [it] brings to this ongoing discussion...Unfortunately...most of its installations provide only answers. And not very good ones at that. By Crystal Bennes [images]- Metropolis Magazine

Explore the world through Architectural Adventures: A new travel program offers design enthusiast travelers 10 global destinations: ...in 2017 the American Institute of Architects (AIA) is offering a new global travel program specifically focused on broadening the architectural mind.- Building Design + Construction (BD+C)

WikiHouse director headlines 2016 Sydney Architecture Festival: 30 September to 3 October: ...celebrates its 10th anniversary...will culminate in a global address by Indy Johar, director of WikiHouse and co-founder of UK-based practice Architecture 00...A special event, The (sh)ArchTank...will offer designers, disrupters and change-makers a chance to pitch their DIY solutions for the urban environment.- ArchitectureAU (Australia)

October 3: World Architecture Day 2016: Design a Better World: The International Union of Architects (UIA), representing the world's 1.3 million architects...calls upon all architecture organisations to highlight the essential role of design in alleviating human suffering, reducing planetary burdens, and enhancing the quality of life.- International Union of Architects (UIA)

Meeting of the Minds 2016: 10th annual summit brings together 400+ opinion-shapers, policy-makers, leading thinkers and innovators from 25+ countries...focus is the "innovator"; October 25-27, Richmond, CA; earlybird registration (save money!): October 1 - Meeting of the Minds

15th World Conference Cities and Ports: "Crossovers": five ways to imagine the port city crossovers of tomorrow; October 5-7, Rotterdam - AIVP - Le Réseau Mondial des Villes Portuaires / Worldwide Network of Port Cities

Editors' picks: 2016 MPavilion program: ArchitectureAU trawls through MPavilion's more than 400 free public events...for the must-see architecture-inspired talks, tours and performances of the four-month program, which begins on October 5, Melbourne. -- Bijoy Jain/Studio Mumbai; Peter Maddison; Naomi Milgrom; Penelope Seidler; etc.- ArchitectureAU (Australia)

ANN feature: Call for Entries: Green Skyline - Country Garden - Forest City Landmark Architecture International Design Competition: Seeking a green skyline for a new and sustainable smart city in Malaysia. Registration deadline: October 15- ArchNewsNow.com

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